



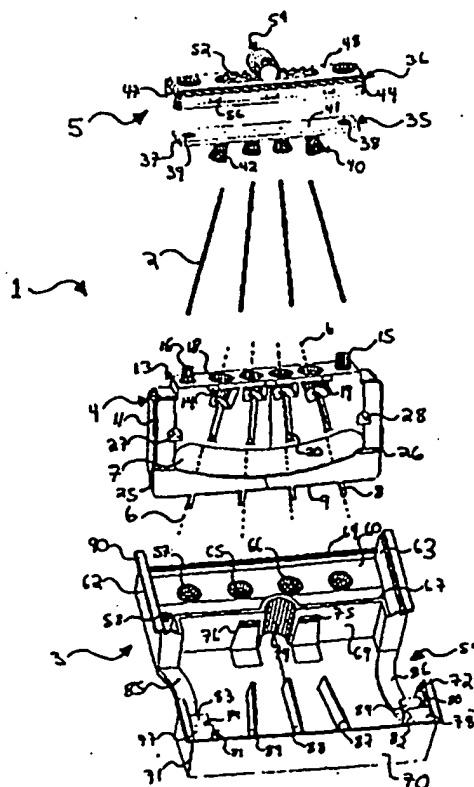
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(57) Abstract

A fluorescent immunoassay employing the interior surface of a capillary tube is provided. Devices to permit immunoassays using one or more capillary tubes, an apparatus for use with the devices, and a process for screening for analyte in a sample using the devices and apparatus are also provided. Samples suspected of containing analyte are added to a disposable self-contained sample tray containing one or more sample wells, mixed with a reagent, drawn into one or more spaced-apart capillary tubes held within a disposable cartridge connected to an analytical apparatus, reacted with a binding member on the surface of the capillary tube, washed to stop the reaction, and dried by the apparatus. The capillary tube is then exposed to a signal generation device to create a fluorescence signal that is detected using a signal detector. The apparatus determines the presence of the analyte and optionally determines the amount of analyte present in the sample, and presents the results to the operator.



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An (semi-)automated apparatus for screening an analyte in a sample, with a cartridge for holding a plurality of spaced-apart capillary tubes, and a tray for holding multiple portions of a sample.

2. Claims : 20-30; 46-64; 45(partly)

A process to analyse an analyte in a sample by a fluorescently-labelled-conjugate binding-assay in a capillary tube, said capillary tube being at least partly coated on its inner surface with a substrate capable of binding to a fluorescently-labelled conjugate, on at least portion of its interior surface and a process for preparing a glass capillary tube.

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